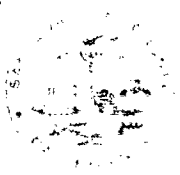


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February 12, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow  
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SUBJECT: CALFED BAY/DELTA PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Snow:

The informational CALFED Bay/Delta meeting held in Lodi on January 20, 1999, was appreciated and, again, gave the citizens of San Joaquin County an opportunity to voice their concerns regarding the development of this very important Program. We look forward to future opportunities to gain more information about the preferred alternative and to provide input to the Program. We would expect that a hearing on the environmental document would be held in San Joaquin County later this year.

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors has previously adopted positions and remain in support of actions that must be addressed in any successful Bay/Delta Improvement Program. These positions are listed below:

1. It is the position of the Board of Supervisors that there is not sufficient water to meet the expanding urban and agricultural water needs of the State during the planning period considered in the CALFED Program. Therefore, the Board supports development of new surface water storage facilities. In addition, the Board is concerned that the development of new storage is a cost that may be borne by water users in the upstream area. This new storage would be used to fix the damage caused by the export projects. This puts an unfair burden on the areas entitled to the area of origins/watershed protection provisions of California law.
2. A successful plan must consider the economic impact of any CALFED proposed action. Among other things, the impacts of not meeting the needs of Eastern San Joaquin County for water and depravation of water in other areas of San Joaquin County, that has previously been available, is of concern.

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3. In a successful plan, each hydrographic region of California should, to a much greater extent, stand on its own rather than depriving other areas of water that they need. As an example, the desalinization of sea water or brackish water should be considered for other areas that have insufficient fresh water to meet their needs within the region.
4. San Joaquin County has historically been opposed to the peripheral canal. This opposition is reasserted. The Board is unalterably opposed to any isolated facility transporting water from the Sacramento River directly to the State and Federal export pumps.
5. Large quantities of stored Stanislaus River water should not be used to dilute the quality of the San Joaquin River and to meet fishery requirements. This procedure is unacceptable to this Board and results in a violation of the Area of Origin law.
6. A successful CALFED Program must address the overdrafted Eastern San Joaquin County groundwater basin to preserve the agricultural productivity of this area and remain a benefit to the entire State.
7. All actions considered in the CALFED Program must be consistent with the existing watershed and Delta Protection Acts and Area of Origin law.
8. This Board is absolutely opposed to any conversion of Delta lands to non-agricultural use. The economic impacts to the individuals involved in the San Joaquin County economy must be evaluated.

We look forward to continuing to provide input into the development of the CALFED Program. If you need any assistance in locating a sight or arranging a public meeting in San Joaquin County, please contact John Pulver, Water Resources Coordinator, at (209) 468-3089.

Sincerely,



ROBERT J. CABRAL  
Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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